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School Days

-1994-

Early Monday morning,
I awake at seven. I pack my bag,
Wash, dress, eat;
And then to school, my feet I drag.

Our principal awaits us at the gate
With his arms X-crossed,
He carries an ironic smile on his face
To make sure that no time is lost.

Our teachers also make sure
That we are in our uniforms and blue-tied;
Neatly dressed,
And shoelaces tied.

Our school is very much complete,
But we, the brats of the folk.
Break times are the best: talking with friends,
Eating our sandwiches, and drinking our Coke.

Death

-1995-

If we were to leave this earth right now,
No more to GOD would the earth bow;
We would no longer praise GOD, or run;
None would be remembered under the sun.[1]

Once we die, we return to dust,[2]
This we can't deny for it's a must:
Sin and Satan had brought us to this fate;
We can't do it again, it's far too late.

Two thousand years ago we had no relief,
Then Jesus came and gave us belief.
Jesus left to prepare for us a home,[3]
That there too, we may come to roam.

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[1] Ecclesiastes 9:3-5
[2] Genesis 3:19
[3] John 14:2,3

From Cross to Crown.

-1995-

On the cross of Calvary
Jesus died and was rejected,
This He bore to ransom me;[4]
Praise GOD, on the first day He resurrected.[5]

After forty days on earth
He entered into a heavenly ministry,[6]
He pleads for us now,
And does it in Heaven's sanctuary.

When the trump sounds and the angels sing,[7]
GOD's chosen people shall be raised,[8]
They will enter where heavenly bells ring;
And for ever GOD shall be praised.

After these things shall come to pass,
We will dine with GOD and talk;
But this too will not last:
For back to the New Earth we will walk.

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[4] John 3:16; Isaiah 61:1
[5] Matthew 27:62-28:1
[6] Hebrews 4:14-16
[7] I Thessalonians 4:16
[8] I Thessalonians 4:17

The End

-1995-

The time will come that we will dwell
Upon this earth alone with no one by our side;
Be sure of your going – heaven or hell:
For there sure won't be any place to hide.

People will torture you; kill you if they must;
Family will turn against you and revile
You; but then again who can you trust.
Now you have to run the extra mile.

Trust no one and fear every one,
And on no one should you depend;
Only on GOD, the Almighty, the only one
From whom you your life lend.

Many will kill you, He said,
But do not be afraid. Sure,
They will kill you and your blood will be shed,
For so persecuted they the prophets before.[9]

Come unto Me all you who are weary
And I will give you rest,[10]
If I should come and you be ready,
Happy in Heaven you'll be blessed.

So, be patient, and endure even
Unto the end, for the same shall be rescued.[11]
Your prize above is Heaven,
In a twinkling of an eye, you'll be renewed.[12]

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[9] Matthew 5:12
[10] Matthew 11:28
[11] Matthew 24:13
[12] I Corinthians 15:51,52

Without Christ

-1995-

I have tried on my own and failed,
And nothing I ever did satisfied;
Some have told me the way I should go,
But by the Word I know whom to follow.[13]

Without Christ I am nothing,[14]
Without Him I am lost;[15]
He had done everything:
On the Cross He paid the cost.[16]

I know my LORD has saved me,
I know my LORD is near;
When I gave my life to Him,
My path had grown clear.

Now with Christ I am complete,
With Him I am free;
My life's new in Him:
By His blood, I'm freed from sin.[17]

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[13] Isaiah 8:20
[14] John 1:3
[15] John 3:16-18
[16] Colossians 2:15
[17] Hebrews 9:15

You Are Near

-1995-

LORD, some say You're not really with me,
But I know You are here;
You died for me on Calvary,
I know You did it because You cared.[18]

Satan is trying his tricks upon me,
I know I should not fear,
For Your love dwells in me,
And I know You are near.

Sometimes I suffer, sometimes I strive,
And the Devil surrounds me;
I know I have no place to hide,
But LORD, You are with me.

I know You will come to take me home[19]
To those golden mansions up above.
That day very soon will come
All because of Your love.

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[18] John 3:16
[19] John 14:3,4

Help Me, O LORD

-1996-

Please help me, o LORD,
I need You every day of my life;
I need You to help me
To overcome the strife.

I need You to help me
Each and every day;
Help me, o LORD,
I pray.

I've tried and battled
To stay by Your side;
Now with You in me,
I will in Your love abide.

Trials of Life

-1996-

This I would like for you to read
In time when you are sad,
It seems as though inside you bleed,
But it's really when you are mad.

I don't agree with the things you've heard,
For gossip is often obscured;
But life is like a lovely rose –
Let me explain this that I have said.

Covered with dreadful thorns,
Just as wide as a king-size bed,
To get to that rose you have to go through
Thorns that make your life anew.

As I see it, you are not far away
From plucking that rose,
So wait a while, even if it may
That the wildest of winds somewhat blow.

You have gone the way that was prepared,
Walk that way, care not what others have declared;
Make your choice and you will see
That GOD will help you in those times of need.

For there is none greater than He,
For even Moses, in deepest times, did He feed -
Spiritual food does He supply,
For GOD knows in Him you rely.

All Things New

-1997-

I saw a new earth and heaven.[20] The shore
From earth to heaven men adore,
On this land, I cast a wishful eye,
For that is where my treasures lie.[21]

Seeing that Holy City of GOD come from Heaven
As a bride to her Husband shall be given,[22]
Behold, the covenant is with men,
And now too, He will dwell with them.[23]

GOD shall wipe away all tears,
There's no pain, no death, nor fears;[24]
GOD on His throne will make all things new:[25]
He's going to do this in love for me and you.

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[20] Revelation 21:1
[21] Stennet, Samuel., *On Jordan's Stormy Bank*
[22] Revelation 21:2
[23] Revelation 21:3
[24] Revelation 21:4
[25] Revelation 21:5

Desertion

-1997-

Have I really done it this time?
Have I given up my faith,
Not following the straight line,
Have I found myself to be great in my eyes?

Oh no! What have I done?
Have I just committed a crime?
Were You and I once one,
Or have I made You wait too long in line?

I think the whole night on these words,
In my opinion, my words you wouldn't believe.
It caused me so many great hurts,
I know what was done could never be retrieved.

Great sinner am I!
I wish for Your forgiveness,
And have me have a retry;
I truly have come to see my weakness.

I neither pray, nor do I think of You,
Not do I thank You for the things You've done;
All my life I wanted only to be like You,
But now, Sin has become the triumphant one.

I'm truly sorry for what I've done,
I should have put You first.
I find now an emptiness has begun,
And my soul has also become athirst.[26]

[26] Psalms 42:2

Do not leave me behind like this,
I don’t think I could ever bear it,
I know that after it all, You I will miss,
I don’t think I could ever bear it.

I ask You for forgiveness in all sincerity,
With an earnest heart,
To be what You ask of me,
This day to give You Your place in my heart.

Should You take Your place and never depart,
None would ever take Your place,
For none could ever such grace impart;
And I find peace and glory at Your face.

Our Friendship

-1997-

We've been walking for a while,
Hand in hand, and side by side,
You have been my guide
And I have been your guide.
Being each other's friend
Throughout space and time,
Sharing your thoughts with me,
And with you I share mine.

Nothing should separate
The friendship between
Us, whether from without
Or from within.
They say when there's trouble,
Friends are very few;
I pray our friendship will never fail,
But will be ever new.

Our friendship is
Upon all other loves built.
May our Heavenly Father
Watch over us both
And guide
Us that eventually we'll
In His love abide.

We've Seen His Glory

-1997-

We set out to Gethsemane that day,
We fell asleep while the Saviour went to pray,
We arose later that night wondering where we were,
Only to find a bright and shining light.[27]

We've seen His glory,
The Son of Man who rose and is living,[28]
Our sins to atone for evermore;
We've seen His glory,
O, what a sight for us just to see His blessed face;
Yes, we've seen His glory.

I've failed the LORD time and time again,
And keeping up is such a spiritual strain;
O, but Jesus said, *Take My yoke upon you,*[29]
And I'll help you make it through.

He's coming again to claim us all,
That where He is there we'll be.[30]
To be with Jesus in the banquet hall,
To be with Him for time and eternity.

I'll see His glory,
The Son of Man who rose and is coming,[31]
To take me where He is for evermore.
I'll see His glory,
O, what a sight for me just to see His blessed face;
Yes, I'll see His glory.

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[27] Mark 9:3
[28] Matthew 28:5-7
[29] Matthew 11:29
[30] John 14:2,3
[31] John 14:3,4

One Day

-1998-

One day is all I have to give to you,
A time that I wished were eternity
To show you who I am,
And getting to know you personally.

One day is all I have to spend with you,
Embrace you, and hold you close;
To know your inner thoughts,
That is what I'd like most.

One day! One day! Couldn't it be longer?
A year or more, wouldn't you agree?
It's far too short, let's make the most of it.
One day I'll be gone. Couldn't you come with me?

One day to hold your hands of warmth;
And your every kiss whispers stay,
Spend the day with me;
Stay by close, today, just for today.

You Are Spring

-1998-

Shall I compare thee to a summer day?
To what shall I compare thee?
Nay: to a spring day,
Full of life and beauty.

Yes, spring – the warmth
After the winter, after the cold;
A touch that revives all life:
Hiders come out, flowers unfold.

Could I have a chance at spring?
And be awoken to something new?
Like the first flower upon a tree,
Or the first drop of untouched dew?

To see the sun rise in your eyes
From morning to morning –
Rays that brighten all it touches
And gives the birds joy to sing.

Spring, begin to touch me,
Awaken me that lay dormantly;
Let me grow in spring,
Let me be like you – free.

Cleansing Prayer

-1999-

LORD, I've failed You again and again,
When I feel You're the farthest, You're the closest.
Pour Your blood, cover me with Your robe,
Unworthy I know am I; and You are blessed.

Wash away all sinful desires
And perfect me in Your image again.
I have fallen and marred Your character;
Revive me, pour Your Spirit, pour the rain.

Let it rain and cleanse me,
Wash me from without and within,
Make Your dwelling place in me,
That all be gone: all sin.

Create in me a new heart, o GOD,
And give me a contrite spirit, my LORD.[32]
A heart like Thine – pure and true,
A spirit of joy, peace only can afford.

Jesus, dwell in me to be a life new and clean,
To be a home for Heaven's Diadem;
Live Your life in me, Jesus, I pray,
Amen and amen.

[32] Psalms 51:17

Experience

-1999-

I've been rejected, broken down,
Whatever it may be;
I've gone through it all,
Seen all that was to see.

My faith had been broken
By numerous things and more,
I gave up too easily,
I thought it was much that I bore.

Then He said, *Come unto Me,*
And I will give you rest;[33]
Take My yoke.[34] *I am that I AM:*[35]
Jesus, the Rock[36] *that stood the test.*

I have overcome for you,
Won each and every fight.
I am the Way, Truth and Life;[37]
With Me you'll win the fight.

King of kings and LORD of lords,[38]
Rejected and broken by all men;
Yet chose to die for you[39]
To cleanse and save the inner man.

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[33] Matthew 11:28
[34] Matthew 11:29
[35] Exodus 3:14; John 8:58
[36] Deuteronomy 32:4; I Corinthians 10:4
[37] John 14:6
[38] I Timothy 6:15
[39] John 3:16

Faithful and Just

-1999-

He is faithful and just[40]
To forgive and cleanse you
Of your sins; He will change your life
In what you say and do.

He is faithful and just to do
What you ask only in His name;[41]
Yet, all things don't benefit,
But only when Jesus you gain.

Live your life according to His will
And His life will set you free.
Pray for power, prayer is power,
Day and night on your knees.

He is faithful and just,
Yet many still disbelieve;
Take Him at His Word,
He is Truth;[42] His power you'll receive.

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[40] I John 1:19
[41] John 14:13
[42] John 14:6

God

-1999-

Our God is a mighty God,
A God that understands our every need.
He took our infirmities and died for our sins;[43]
For me to repay is to live, and His Word to read.

Bless me, o Lord, for I am unclean,
I am sinful; yet You chose to die for me.[44]
Sin has a stronghold upon my life,[45]
But through Your blood I can be set free.[46]

So, thank You Jesus, for Your love and mercy,
Love that nailed You to the tree.[47]
Love so unbounded and grace unlimited
That decided for my liberty.

Now, Jesus, my life is Yours for now and ever,
I die that You may live Your life in me;
Make me according to Your image:
Loving, kind, caring, and holy.

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[43] Isaiah 53:4,5
[44] John 3:16
[45] Romans 6:17
[46] Acts 20:28
[47] I Peter 2:24

His Coming

-1999-

As I look into the sky so blue
And the white-fluffed clouds,
I think of Jesus' soon return -
To see my loved ones and the crowds.[48]

As the boundless ocean touches
The unreachable sky,
Like these two extremes meet
So too will we: my Jesus and I.

My, what a day that will be
To see all I've loved and lost.
Thanks to Jesus I'll see them again,
He died, resurrected; He knew the cost.

Please, dear Jesus,
Grow Your love in me
That others may see You;
And when You come, You they'll see.

[48] I Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 7:9,13,14

Grandeur

-2000-

Majestic they stand
The works of His hands,
Bold and awesome they be,
Who greater to make them than He.
Shapes and sizes and forms,
He always creates above the norm,
Creating in texture, strength and stone,
Creating them unique – one apart from another one.

Fragrant they stand,
Perfection with beauty on the land,
Surpassing the scents man may produce
In number, in smell, and in use.
Plentiful and bountiful, says He,
Bringing forth their kinds and so they be.
Pleasing to the eye and the nose,
Created of GOD – that's how the story goes.

Wide and great and grand,
Reaching the spans of earth's end,
Who in all his strength could cast a spell
As great as GOD Himself to cease its swells?
Crushing and building in its moves,
Locating and removing many homes.
Its marvellous strength and tides,
Whom could ever its depths divide?

Above all the things you see,
None more pleasing He called to be:
The crowning of His Creation Week,
To be rulers, masters, yet the meek.
Could it be, though in His image,
Creation has lost its way, and its gauge?

Will it find its forgotten place?
Or be lost eternally from His face?

Life

-2000-

Life is not a bed of roses,
Not is there always peace and happiness;
But rather has its toils and hardships,
Like the thorns that hide underneath a rose.

True happiness is only known
After much hardship has been borne,
True happiness is only known
After much pain has been shared.

Jesus lived a perfect life,
Yet not without pain and suffering;
He was happy and sad,
That is why He can be called our King.

Fighting the battle and retreating
Means you will never be victorious;
Being in the battle until the end
Is what gives you victory and joy.

Today

-2000-

Today everything has just ended,
Everything has finished.
I kept my peace, and it made no sense.
Why did I have to be hit?

Her parents were in front of us,
And we were behind them;
She was ecstatic, and there was no reason.
Today everything is over.

I am going to withdraw everything –
My love, my money, myself;
Else I would go crazy,
I had given her all.

All of it she had misunderstood –
What I was and am, she misunderstood.
Today is the day
That I now become a man.

A man that says his say,
And not the one to hear;
I am done and it is over;
Love – what is it now? But a feeling that comes and goes.

A Day to Remember

-2001-

A day to remember
Was the day of Creation.
Why such a day among others?
If not, would there ever be a nation?

A day to remember,
Now is called the Sabbath,
A day GOD created then rested;
It was perfect according to His math.

A day to remember,
Who then is our Creator, if not He?
Men have though up many,
Even saying that it could be me.

A day to remember,
Because it reminds us of completion,
Not only of Creation,
But also of Salvation and Restoration.

A day to remember,
The day that He will return again
To destroy and recreate,
Not thinking of our loss, but of our gain.

My Classroom Prayer

-2001-

Dear LORD, thank You for today,
For all its good and bad;
Thank You for all the things that happen to me,
Making me both happy and sad.

Dear LORD, thank You for my class,
That I may come and learn,
Learning things in my daily life
And still more I come to yearn.

Dear LORD, take me through today,
That it may be an experience
To remember and not forget,
For my life, let it make a difference.

Dear LORD, I desire to be taught by You,
And the joy and fulfillment it brings;
To be taught a truth for life eternal,
To understand what being a student means.

Death Come Upon Me

-2002-

There is a day that I wished were never,
A day of sad remembrance;
Taking that day from all other, forever to sever -
The day into this world I made an entrance.

I'm sure the sky had been overcast with pity
For this poor soul to be born
Into a world where he would be guilty,
Where the father's sins would be upon him borne.

Oh yes! I curse that very day
That I was put here
To suffer, to hurt, to be in dismay,
To face trouble, cruelty and fear.

I can't think of another sad day
That can compare with such censorship,
And to my soul, I neither have ownership,
Nor authorship, in it I have no say.

This is my life and I should be pleased,
For who know the end of his days,
The day all things in their existence cease;
It matters not; I know not the end of my days.

Merry Christmas

-2002-

M is for the Music that we sing this day,
E is for the Evening star saw far away,
R is for the Rhymes we say today,
R is for the Reading of the best Christmas stories,
Y is for the Yummy, delicious food eaten this day.

C is for Christ who's born this special day,
H for the Happiness He gives to us,
R is for the Readiness to give joy and cheer today,
I is for Including us to share His love,
S is for the Smiles we should share on our way,
T is for the Time we share with those we love,
M is for the Many days to share this love again,
A is for the Angels who will be there too,
S is for the Smiles we receive some other day.

So, at the conclusion of it all,
The truth remains to change us all,
That a life was given to us in love
From our great GOD above.
Let us celebrate with due respect
As all the universe expects,
To honour a great Being,
Jesus, the Christ, our King.

My Father

-2002-

A kind man he was - that I knew of him,
Hard-working, family-minded, and loving;
To me, he was the best I ever had,
The one for all his generations cared,
A wise man to his children guiding;
That's what I'll remember of him.

A month after he had forever left,
I dreamt a dream that forever clings:
A dream of him in many forms –
Tall, short, well-built, chubby, the norm;
They were sent to tend me of future things,
Found in others, his character he left.

I sought an answer that he alone could give,
I found a pastor or a leader;
I sought a counsellor and friend,
I found him in my best of friends;
I found my mentor in all my teachers;
In all the above, my father still lives.

To give gratitude to this man I love dearly,
A 'Thank You' would not suffice my love –
I would need a life with him again
To show, among all, he's the main;
To say, in Heaven, I'll see you above,
And, finally, to demonstrate my love clearly.

Only One Question

-2002-

There are many questions
That blow through our minds today,
Questions the world would have You answer.
Me, what do I have to say?
If there were a question
I could ask of You,
That would probably be the sincerest of all:
Where would I be without You?

Where would I be without You?
It'll surely be the words I'd use.
If You hadn't come to earth,
Being GOD and man fused.

Sure, there'd be many other questions
That come across my mind,
But no other question lingers so deep,
No soul-searching question to find.
Where would I be without You?
Would it have been better or worse?
Looking at lives without You,
I found that would have been a curse.

If not for You in my life,
Who knows what would have been,
I yearn for a deeper love,
A love only in You I've seen.

Where would I be without You?
A question I think of day and night –
Thinking of all the possibilities:
The coulds, maybes, and mights.
Nothing compares to the life You've given,

One of life, and freedom, and love.
No desire do I truly crave,
But to be with You above.

I saw the sunrise today,
And I thought to myself,
Where would I be if You hadn't come?
Depending on nothing, depending on self?

Where would I be right now,
If not for Your grace?
A soul that is lost,
And cast from Your face?
I never pray for such as these,
But to be as You would please -
Set me daily with prayers on my knees,
Focusing on You to the day that I cease.

Another day, and where would I be
If You hadn't come and died
For such as I on a cross named Calvary,
And then to return to GOD in the by-and-by?

Faithless, lifeless, meaningless,
That's where I'd be and scores,
A life without You and GOD
Would be to me an utter bore;
Purposeless in this then futile existence.
Great are You, my Creator, now my Redeemer,
If not for You in my life,
Then the songs You inspire, I'd not be the singer.

I'm glad to have a Friend as You,
Dependable and volunteering;
Living now my life just for You,
And You, Captain, of my life will be steering.

Sleeping You

-2002-

Sleep, o what a wonderful thing,
To rest from the wearies of life;
To see in you life newly begin,
And to see you lie there, my wife.

I look at your sleeping form,
As though you could be as dead,
Laying there in comfort, even warm,
Cuddled up snug in your bed.

Rest now, my sleeping bride,
For tomorrow brings another flight;
Another yesterday joins those that died,
When a new dawn breaks the darkening night.

Sleep still, o weary one,
Cast yesterday's burdens aside
Then come with the rising sun,
And let new passions for life be your guide.

My love, sleep and be rejuvenated,
Journey for the morrow is soon begun,
So rest your eyes, your mind agitated,
Sleep, let what was done, be done.

To My Valentine

-2002-

To my Valentine,
A day to spend with the one you love,
Praying, that your love is sent from above.
Is it just for the Day and for that time?
Will there be many more that I call mine?

To my Valentine,
May this Day be more than others celebrate –
Celebrating love with a life-long mate;
GOD put us together for a reason:
To let His love pour our forever, and not for a season.

To my Valentine,
I love you with all my heart and soul,
If there were no GOD, in me there'd be a hole;
He filled that space with someone like you,
To love and to hold, to be faithful and true.

To my Valentine,
No one is luckier in knowing you,
Holding you till a new day breaks through;
Saying, "Good morning," to the one I love,
"Good morning," a prayer answered from above.

To my Valentine,
So, let everyday be a Valentine's Day in our lives:
Being with understanding, standing by each other's side;
Being one in GOD and His marvelous love,
He has fit us together like a hand in a glove.

What I Found In You

--2002-

This is a place of hopes and dreams,
A place where we win and lose,
A place of cries and screams,
A place where some sing the blues.

I've found this world a curse
Till the day that I found you,
Then you gave me nurse –
Curing me, making me new.

Had I met you long before,
None of our pains would be like now,
The tears you shed would be no more,
Memories would be as sweet as a flower.

Memories of you and I already begun,
Memories of the not yet come,
Memories of the sweet words we sung,
Memories of us being eternally one.

I want to be the sky to you,
As you have truly said,
To hold you close when days are blue,
To bring you comfort when you are sad.

I look to you as more than an angel,
A guardian angel, if you please;
I asked GOD for some kind of signal,
As I prayed (for you) on my knees.

You have now become my wife,
And no other quite will do,
The joy and the love of my life,
There is no other, absolutely none like you.

BELLE

-2003-

B is for the Beauty you possess inside:
A beauty that I have fallen in love with;
It is magnificent, genuine and wide,
Warming the heart to the very beneath.

E is for the Excellence I see in you:
Maturity and intellect you both display;
You make every day seem as new,
You captivate me with every word that you say.

L is for the Love you show:
Love for those who often come to you;
Understanding and patience puts your face aglow,
Keep up that love, go on, go on, and go on to.

L is for the Loveliness that springs from you:
When you're around, I find myself entangled;
Dream, sleep, work, play - it's always you,
Images of our past, present and future mingled.

E is for the Evidence of all the above:
The characteristics displays in one like you;
BELLE, your name is of beauty and love,
No one could ever replace that in you.

Education

-2003-

I sought an education, but to no avail,
I was brought to a school to sweat and wail.
All the time they could have educated me
On the true meaning of life and existence,
Rather came to that which made no difference.

I sought to improve my spirituality,
To be refined to that kind of purity,
Seeking in vain, they spoke of achievement:
How old the earth is, finding relics and sites;
All I wanted was for Christ to be in sight.

I sought to be made a student in a field,
Wanting to use what I learn for that field;
Rather they taught analysis and analogies,
To no avail, all seemed fruitless to my duty,
For they only sought my method of scrutiny.

I sought and aided in the field of my choice,
There they sought to hear my voice:
I taught as I learned; learning to teach,
I found my true calling to teach:
I was to educate and to build up the breach.

I sought no more for education from the world,
True education, in short, came from GOD's Word;
Wisdom, rather than knowledge; to learn, to live,
To teach, to educate and be educated;
The way of GOD is what I have long awaited.

I sought to learn and found wisdom and truth,
I sought and found knowledge with more worth:
With education to learn, to teach, to live;

Only when I give to others what I learn,
Then that is the education I am to earn.

Faith

-2003-

He said as little as a mustard seed
That was all you had need:
Having the ability to shake the heavens:
They're ready to assist whenever one beckons.

We all have it inbuilt, and
Just having it is not enough;
Let it continue as countless as the sand,
In it you'll stand against the tough.

Will it be found in you
That day when you are subjected?
Will you be among the few
That had him lifted?

Come on, think of it,
Where do you stand now?
Giving in and chancing it,
Bringing your standards low?

Or, do other cast doubt on you?
Do your enemies instil fear
Where you experience something new?
Or, do they tremble knowing He's near?

This is the day that you had better decide,
Do you have what it takes, mate?
Will you have the Spirit of Him inside,
When He returns will He find in you faith?

Happy Mother's Day

-2003-

A new mom you have
become among those around,
to raise a babe and be
in you her every answer found
for heart, mind, and soul.

May GOD bless you in all you
put your hands to do,
making you His vessel
to educate and teach
a life pure and new.

In My Baby's Eyes

-2003-

Today I looked into my baby's eyes,
Surprised at what I saw:
The greatest thing in all my life -
The love I knew, and so much more.

We chuckled as we held each other,
Not wondering what this could be;
Then I remembered my Father above
Who showed such a great love to me.

In my baby's eyes, I could see the love of GOD,
I could feel His unconditional love;
In my baby's smile, I could see my Father smile;
A gift of comfort from His heart.

She touched my tears and began to cry,
With a smile, she knew why:
Her father had felt a miracle
Where GOD Himself could be seen.

When Jesus returns, I want to see those eyes
Which brought my eyes to tears;
To see my Saviour smile to me and say,
My son, you've made it here.

To The Candidates

-2003-

To the Candidates,
Who have gone and is going to,
Who have pledged allegiance to the Lamb,
To live a life in Him anew;
To love and do His will
No matter what the circumstances;
To live according to His Word,
Crushing the Devil and leaving no chances.

To the Candidates,
Whom I can freely call Mine;
Bought back through My blood,
And you have accepted My gift divine;
Your decision was not easy,
But was made in faith and prayer –
To follow Me in all you do
And in each word and desire.

To the Candidates,
Keep the faith, I have overcome,
Time will be fulfilled
And I will return to take you home;
You will be princes and princesses,
And priests and ambassadors to the throne;
To live as I had intended:
Eden restored, and heaven home.

The Scent of You

-2003-

My mornings are filled with fragrance of You,
A picture of You illuminates, and visions I see,
Could this be the savour of Christ the LORD I view?
Yes, it is the scent of Him. It is He!
The smell of You prefigures the past of You,
The mercy, the love, Your Spirit: to make us like You.

My middays are filled with the perfume from above:
The greatness of You, the purity and holiness,
The beauty, the mystery, the knowledge, and the love;
Stern to the wicked and patient to those helpless,
Caring for those who seek Your face,
Putting Your mercy below them, and Your mercy above.

My nights have the smell of incense that go up to You,
Prayers that my heart send in sincerity and praise;
May my heart be as Yours made pure;
To be made sure that You will come in my days,
I make a choice and I make it sure,
That when You return I'll be the scent of You.

What's in a Church?!

-2003-

The **C** in church should point us to Christ,
He is the Author and Finisher of our faith;
Nonetheless, some have made the church building
The rule and the straight and strict path.
Christ is lost in all it duties –
Lost in its mission;
He is never consulted in regards to truths,
He is never sought after concerning a decision.

The **H** is the Holy Spirit who teaches and uses us,
And not we that use Him;
Rather we preach how one should be holy,
And practice how to avert sin.
It is only through the Holy Spirit
That we can be called holy;
It is only through the Holy Ghost
That we will not lead ourselves to folly.

The **U** is the Understanding of the Scriptures
That we should possess,
Craving the truth as GOD gave it;
Turning each page, and being its witness.
But today many underline
That which they seem to like and cherish,
The truth of GOD remains in shambles,
For sin is hard to relinquish.

The **R** therein is the Righteousness
That Christ alone can give.
In place of such a gift,
We say that we ourselves rightly live.
Our goodness leads us only to death
And that of Christ leads us to life.

His teachings are life-altering
Even though His truth cuts like a knife.

The other **C** is to read from Cover to cover,
And take the whole Bible as it reads:
Teaching us of forgotten truths and facts,
And finally, back to Christ it leads.
We should not take a verse
To cover up what we believe to be true,
Making up diverse truths,
And making up doctrines that are new.

Honesty is what the **H** reveals,
The church should not lie to its members,
Fearing that they will leave;
All this the LORD remembers.
The church should preach and teach:
Practice and show how to live,
Teaching how to love and to serve,
Showing how to share and to give.

A Beautiful Mind

-2004-

Since creation, the Creator had planned His greatest work:
To create a man with choice and creativity;
GOD breathed in him the breath of life,
And all parts of the man instantly collaborated.
With such a masterpiece, the entire universe had to celebrate:
For GOD had created the perfect and the perfect wife.
With pure minds and hearts devoted indefinitely,
This perfection was the crowning of GOD's creative work.

The animals came to the man, and he named them each,
I am sure he even named that flora we have today;
However, even in perfection, GOD still sent a warning
A fallen mind might come to deceive you,
Telling you lies about Me, and will trick you.
That fallen mind sat in the forbidden tree grinning,
Waiting for the opportunity to have his way:
Abducting their minds, and their generations he will reach.

The beautiful mind that GOD had created in us
Could not look at its Creator any longer,
They sought their own, to show the world their power;
Therefore, GOD left their minds to their own destruction.
They built for themselves a name with satisfaction,
But they did not know that it was their hour
That GOD would be with them no longer.
Did they care? No! There was no fuss.

From great minds living up into their nine hundreds
To ours that now live closely to seventy,
What were their secrets? Can they be found?
We think our ancestors had minds smaller in size;
On the contrary, beyond our understanding, they were wise.
We are the ones who have become dumbfound;

They knew GOD personally
That is why they prospered.

How then are we to receive that perfect mind again?
First, we are to seek GOD, and pray;
He promises that He will hear.
Should we seek Him with all our hearts, He will be found.
This is just the beginning of the faith we mound;
Then when He speaks, we should be willing to hear
Every commandment, every sentence He may say;
And this is how He plans to begin His reign.

He asks us to be like Him, perfect.
Moses said GOD is merciful, full of compassion, and kind;
Also long suffering, and abundant in goodness, and truth.
This is GOD, and we are to be like Him.
How? Recognize our problem with sin by letting Him in.
Let Him remove our evil desires and send the Holy Spirit forth;
In time, changes in our beings and minds we will find:
He will continue so until we are perfect.

He sends us Christ through the Bible,
To reach us to live and to love;
Christ, the GOD-man, died for our sins,
And now, we can be free.
Through that sacrifice we can plainly see
Where GOD's love begins,
And that He desires us to be with Him above;
Therefore, to know Him more, we study the Bible.

The more that you know Him, the more you will love Him;
The more that you love Him, the sweeter He grows.
Let us, therefore, grow in Christ from child to adult,
And when we mature, we will know Him in full.
How are we to be known by Him? When we do His will.
We teach our children to be Christ-like adults,

And by this, the truth he knows;
And the truth will secure him from sin.

Finally, to achieve this perfect mind,
Have Christ in you always, everyday;
Pray for His way, and do His will,
And these results you will find:
To everyone, you will be kind;
Every work will satisfy His will;
You will change completely in what you do and say,
And then in you, He will have His mind.

Among The Few

-2004-

I have been in this faith for some time,
And have tested Your prophecies to the sign;
Let me know that when You come through the blue,
I would be among the few that see You too.

Many nights I pray that You would come soon,
Whether morning, evening, or noon;
All I ask is when You come into view,
I would be among the few that see You too.

To be among the few, the few that see You too,
To stand that day, awaited by You to be made new;
Ready to be taken of You for eternity,
All I pray is that when You come, me You'll see.

I do not ask for much, yet only in Your name,
To be one in Your likeness and character the same;
Help me to be found when You peer through the blue
To be among the few that see You too.

I know my dream is Your expectation too,
To see You clearly come out of the blue,
And at the end to be together with You,
And me to be among the few that have gone with You.

Help me to focus on You and only You,
To stay on the narrow and not to go askew,
To focus on Your sacrifice, and love that is true,
Sure then, I will be among the few that see You too.

Let It Be, LORD

-2004-

Let it be, LORD,
Thou hath spoken the Word, and it was done,
Let it be, LORD Jesus,
Pour Thy Spirit, and make us one.

Thy kingdom come,
Thy love hath begun to operate,
To change lives gone astray,
To strengthen and to elevate.

Thy will be done,
Now and for ever more,
Help us to seek those that are lost,
Those that seeketh Thee for sure.

On earth as it is in heaven,
A kingdom that cometh eminently,
It hath arisen in our hearts
The results of Thy coming quickly.

For ever and ever,
That is how we shalt be,
One in hope, one in love, one in Thee,
To oft come before Thee on bended knee.

To praise Thee, to thank Thee,
Our hearts are Thine from hence forward
To the ends of time, and space,
Wheresoever Thou art, we are directed homeward.

Perform Me a Miracle

-2004-

In this day and age,
There is only pain and suffering,
Crime on the increase,
Sin never seems to cease;
Bring to Your ones a rejuvenating,
Bring it in this day and age.

Perform a miracle,
To believe that we are still Yours,
Perform it to show what is true;
Keepers of the faith prove untrue,
The laws they teach are not Yours,
Therefore, perform a transforming miracle.

Your death was enough for me,
But others still need a sign,
Yet others still await Your coming;
When will You come as King?
What will be the final sign
Then, You we will see?

Prove Yourself true to us now,
In this time that we feel weak,
Make us Your miracle;
Make us Your miracle,
For we are humble and meek,
And prostrate before You we bow.

Studying for Truth

-2004-

In all thy works, in all thy readings,
The Bible standeth only for the truth,
Therein is no lie, and no deception,
For thy transition to life it teacheth.

Seek ye prayerfully, and Christ is to be found,
Therein, He will build thee on solid ground;
The Words of the LORD deceiveth not, nor destroy,
They leadest thee to life, and to joy.

Truth is what the world seeketh,
Yet, in vain they find none,
The truth of Christ shineth forth
Leading thee to Him, the only one.

Study the Scriptures
In light of the Holy One,
Thou art sure to find Jesus,
The Father, the Holy Spirit - the three in One.

The truth is close within they reach,
Take it with open hands, and joy;
Therein, the truth will it teach,
And the person of Christ thou wilt enjoy.

There Be Such a Love

-2004-

There be such a love that we all seek,
A love that is deep and strong,
Wherein we find comfort, and release,
This love sees no wrong.

There be such a love, but few do claim,
This love varies in its use and for whom;
It purifies the soul of the one who bestows,
And eases the mind where it has been sown.

This love differs in type, but never in quantity:
It is shared alike from parent to child,
Sibling to sibling, and spouse to spouse;
It overshadows in warmth, and it mild.

There be such a love that will always chastise
When correction is needed,
The call of love to ask forgiveness
Brings even the hard-hearted pleaded.

There be such a love that is eternal,
Such a love is trustworthy, and pure;
It brings renewal to those that find it,
It makes the pilgrim's path sure.

Have you ever sought this love?
Then seek it now, it exists in the One above;
He created you, and redeemed you,
He ought to know more about love.

What a Family Be

-2004-

A family be a group of friends
Who stick together to the very end,
A family will never crumble
When each member remains humble.

A family be a unit bound by love,
This kind of love is from above;
We have a Father up in paradise,
He wants to see His love in our eyes.

A family be the school where we learn from each other,
Whether it be a child, father, or mother;
Learning and teaching is everyone's lot,
Since we are the only ones we've got.

A family be a representation of the living GOD,
Of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit - the Trinity GOD;
To show how there can be unity
Even in diversity.

A family be the group Jesus wants to see
That day when He returns with glee,
He wants to see father, mother, and child,
Standing hand-in-hand, and side-by-side.

A family be this group of unity,
That can only be united in the Trinity;
This be the family that He will bless,
And this be the family that claim His happiness.

Expanded Footnotes

(King James Version)

1. ***Ecclesiastes 9:3-5***

3 This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is one event unto all: yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead.
4 For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion.
5 For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

2. ***Genesis 3:19***

19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

3. ***John 14:2,3***

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

4. ***John 3:16***

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Isaiah 61:1

1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound

5. ***Matthew 27:62-66***

62 Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,

63 Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.
64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.
65 Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can.
66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

Matthew 28:1
1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

6. ***Hebrews 4:14-16***

14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.
15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.
16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

7. ***I Thessalonians 4:16***

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

8. ***I Thessalonians 4:17***

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

9. ***Matthew 5:12***
10. ***Matthew 11:28***
11. ***Matthew 24:13***
12. ***I Corinthians 15:51,52***

13. ***Isaiah 8:20***
14. ***John 1:3***
15. ***John 3:16-18***
16. ***Colossians 2:15***
17. ***Hebrews 9:15***
18. ***John 3:16***
19. ***John 14:3,4***
20. ***Revelation 21:1***
21. **Stennet, Samuel.,** ***On Jordan's Stormy Bank***

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land,
where my possessions lie.

Refrain
I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound for the promised land;
oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.

O'er all those wide extended plains
shines one eternal day;
there God the Son forever reigns,
and scatters night away.

No chilling winds or poisonous breath
can reach that healthful shore;
sickness and sorrow, pain and death,
are felt and feared no more.

When I shall reach that happy place,
I'll be forever blest,
for I shall see my Father's face,
and in his bosom rest.

22. **Revelation 21:2**
23. **Revelation 21:3**
24. **Revelation 21:4**
25. **Revelation 21:5**

26. **Psalms 42:2**
27. **Mark 9:3**
28. **Matthew 28:5-7**
29. **Matthew 11:29**
30. **John 14:2,3**
31. **John 14:3,4**
32. **Psalms 51:17**
33. **Matthew 11:28**
34. **Matthew 11:29**
35. **Exodus 3:14; John 8:58**
36. **Deuteronomy 32:4; I Corinthians 10:4**
37. **John 14:6**
38. **I Timothy 6:15**
39. **John 3:16**
40. **I John 1:19**
41. **John 14:13**
42. **John 14:6**
43. **Isaiah 53:4,5**
44. **John 3:16**
45. **Romans 6:17**
46. **Acts 20:28**
47. **I Peter 2:24**
48. **I Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 7:9,13,14**